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Dated: 20.09.2018

To

Smt. Sujata Ray,

Director (HR),

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,

New Delhi 110001.

Sub: Threatening the beneficiaries of BSNLMRS, both employees and pensioners, to reject medical reimbursement claims if medicine are purchased from medical shops not allowing 12% discount – Case of BSNL, Maharashtra Circle.

Madam,

We bring to your kind notice that in an exercise to blatantly misuse power and authority, the CGMT Maharashtra Circle, BSNL has issued an order vide his No. A/Admn-II/Medical Pharmacy/2018 dated 7/7/2018 (copy enclosed) directing compulsory purchase of medicines from the medical stores having large network of stores and offering discounts along with the facility of home delivery for the BSNL employees/pensioners who are availing BSNLMRS facility. The said order threatens the employees/pensioners to reject their medical claims in cases of purchase of medicines from other medical shops not allowing 12% discount. This Order issued by Maharashtra Circle office is arbitrary, irrational and without any authority. We protest against this Order issued by BSNL, Maharashtra Circle Office mainly for the following reasons:-

(1) BSNLMRS policy is framed by the BSNL Corporate Office and not by any Head of Circle. Further, BSNL Corporate Office had once circulated a letter from one Apollo pharmacy which offered 15% discount on medicines. But in this case, there was neither any direction from BSNL Corporate Office to purchase medicines only from this particular Pharmacy, nor was any threat to reject medical claims if medicines are purchased from other shops. Thus this Order issued by Maharashtra Circle is just a case of blatant misuse of power and authority.

(2) Maharashtra Circle cannot force the employees/pensioners to purchase medicines from a particular private company even it offers discount. This restricts the option available for the employees to purchase medicine from other nearby shops which are easily accessible. Moreover, this Order is to assist in an unfair trade practice.


(3) All employees cannot make online Order because of non-availability of facility and ability, and then wait for days together to receive the medicines. Moreover, many a times, when Orders are placed online, the prescribed medicines are not supplied on one ground or the other.

(4) The contention of Maharashtra Circle that purchase of medicines online with discounts will help in curtailing/controlling BSNL's expenditure on medical claims is totally unfounded. Every employee/pensioner has got their own financial ceiling limit to get reimbursement of their claims. They will get reimbursement of their claims within those limits only – whether they purchase medicines with discount or without discount. Thus, BSNL's expenditure cannot get reduced on BSNLMRS, if the employees/pensioners purchase medicines only from shops offering discount.

2. In view of the above, we request you to advise CGMT, BSNL, Maharashtra Circle to immediately withdraw his above stated Order threatening to reject claims if medicines are not purchased from Medical Stores offering discounts.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

 7. 2018

(S Basu)

General Secretary

Encl: As stated

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Chairman & Managing Director,
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.
2. Shri Piyush Khare,
CGMT, Maharashtra Circle,
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No. A/Admn II/Medical Pharmacy/2018/

Dated - 07/07/2018

OFFICE ORDER

Nowadays many medical stores having large network of stores as well as online medical store are offering discounts on the purchase of medicines alongwith facilities of home delivery and other features. In order to curtail/control the medical expenses of employees of BSNL (working as well as retired) who are claiming and reimbursing the medical bills from BSNL, Circle Office Mumbai are instructed to avail such discounts and privileges for the benefit of BSNL.

In this regard, Apollo Pharmacy who are having a wide network of medical stores through out Mumbai and its suburbs including Thane and Kalyan etc has offered discount and other privileges to BSNL employees/pensioners and they have shared the locations and contact details of their medical stores. The same is uploaded on Maharashtra Intranet Portal. Thus medicines must be purchased from such stores or online stores who are offering minimum 12% discount on Pharma products. In case of non-emergent medicine, medicines should be purchased online if online stores are offering more discounts.

In case, the medicines are not purchased from such stores and the discounts are not availed by the employees/pensioners without any satisfactory reason, such claims on medicines are liable to be rejected/restricted to the extent of 12%.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.



(R.C.Chavan)

Dy. General Manager (Admn)

Copy to:

(1) All SSA Heads. They are instructed to follow similar procedure in the best interest of BSNL.

(2) All the Unions and Associations of Maharashtra Circle.

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